

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 12

MAN THE CROWN OF CREATION

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:7-9; 15-24.
GOLDEN TEXT—"God created man in his own image." Gen. 1:27.

Ten times the words, "and God said" appear in the first chapter of Genesis. God spoke, and 'twas done. Now all is in readiness earth and heaven await his word, "and God said let us make man." It would seem as though a conference was being held before this momentous event. The "let us make" is full of suggestion. That each person of the Triune Godhead was present in creation we saw in last week's lesson, and it is here still further indicated by the plural form of the Hebrew noun for the name of God. But what pattern shall we follow in the making of man? Surely only the highest and best, hence "in the image of God." This does not necessarily mean the physical image, but rather the intellectual and spiritual image of God, see Col. 3:10, Eph. 4:24, John 5:25. God who is spirit (John 4:25) does manifest himself in material form (see Phil. 2:6, Isa. 6:1-4) and similar passages, and this form resembles the human. But this "image" (likeness) has been blurred and marred by sin, James 3:9. It was, however, perfectly seen in the perfect Man, Christ Jesus, see Cor. 4:4, Heb. 1:2, 3.

Science at a Pause.

How God created man we are not told, except that he was "formed of the dust of the ground," and to this day the bodies of men and of animals consist of the very same elements as the soil which forms the earth upon which they dwell. It is yet to be proved that man came from the lower animals, and it is a scientific secret that at this point the real leaders of science are at a pause. The dust of our bodies is the same as yonder stars, as the lily of the field, as that which kings and queens are made. But still there are higher heights, for God breathed into this man his own spirit, verse 7, and from this union of the body and spirit man became a living soul. Man is the connecting link between the material and the infinite, by the physical he is related to lower nature and by the spiritual he is related to God.

If the theory of the rehabilitation of this earth after the destruction of the pre-adamite races is true (chap. 1:2-13), we now see God in his wondrous grace preparing a place for man's especial abode, vv. 8, 9, 15-24. The two accounts of creation in the first and second chapters of Genesis are not contradictory, and to make them so one must read into the narrative what is not there. The first presents a concise outline of creation, the second an enlargement that connects these events with the region where man began to live, the starting point of the present human race.

That Eden was undoubtedly in the region of the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers is pretty generally accepted, though, of course, we can only speculate as to the cradle of the human race.

After God had created Adam with the highest nature the animals were not fit companions for him. Nor could he be the beginning of the race of man without one like to himself. Man can attain his highest only as he has human companionship (v. 18). Adam had the power of speech, and an intelligence, and was given the right to name the animals of the field (v. 19). But in all this there was no companion for him (v. 20).

Unity of Life.

In the first account is the simple statement that God created "male and female," but in the second we see that man is not complete without the woman. God's mode was to make her "bone of his bone" (vv. 22, 23). This suggests the utmost possible unity of man and wife; unity of life, of soul, of emotions, of home, etc. Matthew Henry calls to our attention the woman was not taken from "out of his head to top him, nor out of his feet to be trampled under foot, but out of his side to be his equal, from under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved."

The marriage relation is the most sacred of all human ties (v. 24). It is the best possible training and education in love, sacrifice, duty, victory over evil, in all that is best in life. These are the qualities needed to build up the race. When one is degraded the other is necessarily lowered. To understand the full meaning of the marriage relation we need to comprehend the relation of Christ and his church, Eph. 5:31, 32.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Kansas City Births Exceed Deaths.
Births exceeded deaths in Kansas City during the year 1912, and more males died than females. In the last twelve months 2,789 males and 2,466 females were born; 2,542 males and 1,734 females died. With the exception of a slight epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis in the early months of the year the city was practically free from any contagious and infectious diseases, and the greater part of the deaths were due to ordinary maladies. There was an increase in the number of homicides and suicides over the previous year of 1911.

Springfield Trust Company Elects.
The new \$200,000 trust company at Springfield of which Governor Hadley and State Game and Fish Warden Jesse Tolerton are promoters, elected officers recently. W. M. Wade, former state bank examiner, and now in business in St. Louis, was made president. The other officers elected are: F. Miller, vice president; L. E. Shattuck, manager of the realty department, and G. M. Seebree, attorney and general counsel.

Receivers for K. C. Gas Company.
Receivers for the Kansas City, Mo., Gas Company were appointed by Judge Van Valkenburg in the Federal Court at Kansas City, upon application of attorneys for the company, who represented that the Kansas Natural Gas Company's new rate, approved by Federal Judge Pollock, made it impossible for the local distributing company to continue selling gas to consumers at the prescribed rate.

\$20,000 Fire At Lexington.
Fire causing a loss estimated at \$20,000, completely destroyed the livery stable of John C. Young, Jr., and an adjacent apartment house. Several private barns in the vicinity were ignited by flying sparks and destroyed. Twenty-three horses were burned to death and all the livery equipment, including an automobile, carriages and hundreds of dollars' worth of feed were destroyed.

Man's Body Found in Missouri River.
The body of an unidentified man was found on Baltimore Bar, an island in the Missouri river several miles below Lexington. The man evidently had been dead several months. The only clue to identity found was a "dollar" watch, the number of which the authorities have sent to the manufacturers in an effort to find by whom the watch was sold.

Children Perish in Flames.
Mrs. George Meyers, living near Gray's Summit, four miles west of Pacific, left her three children in the Meyer's cottage while she went into the village on an errand. When she returned, the home was in ruins and only the charred bodies of the three children, the oldest only 4 years, could be found. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Given 40 Years for Murder.
Forty years in the penitentiary was the sentence meted out at Forsyth to Edward Dickens, who murdered Fred Dorst at Brandon last September. The jury was out all night, returning a verdict of guilty in the morning.

Drouth Damages Winter Wheat.
According to reports received from counties in southern Missouri, the continued drouth is causing considerable damage to winter wheat. There has been less than a half inch of rain in the last two months. Ponds and streams are very low.

Gave a Leg for His Life.
George Bruner of Joplin, a Missouri Pacific brakeman, lost a leg but saved his life when his foot caught in a switch at Arma, a small station north of Pittsburg, Kan. Bruner saw he was caught and threw his body out of the way of the cars just as the wheels crushed off one of his legs close to the foot.

A. Y. M. C. A. Conference in Sedalia.
The first annual state conference of older boys in Y. M. C. A. work met recently in Sedalia. The following officers for 1913 were elected: President, Freeman Hanighurst, Kansas City; vice-president, Milton Webber, St. Joseph; secretary, Morton Cummins, St. Louis; assistant secretary, H. Powell, Joplin, Mo.

Dallas County's Oldest Citizen Dead.
Dallas county's oldest citizen, Anthony Scott, is dead at his home in Buffalo. He was 95 years old. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He came to Dallas county from Tennessee in 1855 and had lived on the same farm for half a century.

THEY WANT NEW TARIFF IDEAS

HOUSE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE SUGGESTION FROM PUBLIC.

Ways and Means Committee to Open Doors for Discussion of Rates—No Program Yet.

Washington.—The first stage in the program for downward revision of the tariff, promised by the Democratic party, will be entered upon when the house of representatives, through its committee on ways and means, will open the doors to the American public for the discussion of tariff rates, protection to industries and concessions to the "ultimate consumer."

The work will be preparatory to the first change of tariff duties since 1909, when the Payne-Aldrich Law was enacted by a Republican Congress and approved by a Republican president. Fortified by the election of a Democratic president and congress, the adoption of a tariff reduction plank at the Baltimore convention and the pronouncement of President-elect Wilson that tariff revision is to be the first big achievement of the new administration, Democratic leaders will open the hearings confident that they will lead to an early change in many, if not all, of the schedules of the existing tariff law.

The method of the approaching revision, and the extent of the changes to be made in the present duties, are points not settled by the Democratic leaders in congress and president-elect Wilson.

It is known that reduced duties on chemical, metal, cotton and woolen goods will follow closely the standard fixed by the bills which have passed the Democratic house in the last two years, none of which has become law. The facts to be brought out at the public hearings this month and the conferences to follow between President Wilson and the house and senate leaders may, however, result in important modifications of the big reductions the house has put into some of the bills of the last two years.

FUNERAL OF WHITE LAW REID

Impressive Services Are Held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York.

New York.—Funeral services for Whitelaw Reid, late ambassador to England, who died in London, were held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine here. The ceremony was most impressive and among those attending were President Taft, many members of the diplomatic corps in Washington and others prominent in public life.

Bishop Greer officiated and was assisted by Rev. Dr. William M. Grosvenor, dean of the cathedral, who was one of Mr. Reid's closest friends for many years. Mr. Reid was a parishioner formerly in the Church of the Incarnation, over which Dr. Grosvenor used to preside.

A HOIST BALKS AND THREE DIE

Miners Wait 180 Feet Under Ground, After Setting Dynamite, Till Explosion Comes.

Joplin, Mo.—Imprisoned 180 feet below the surface in the Imperial mine, near here, three men counted the passing seconds as the hoistman labored feverishly to place the balking machinery in operation to draw them out before fifty-five charges of dynamite exploded. The hoistman lost in the race, the fuses burned down to the caps and tons of dirt and rock from the side of the drifts were hurled upon the waiting men.

The dead are Victor Fisher of Webb City and Elmer Smith and Henry Fickle of Joplin.

DOCTOR SAVED BY A REPORTER

Denver Physician Planned Suicide, But Was Talked Out of It by Newspaper Man.

Denver, Colo.—A letter received by the city editor of a Denver paper states that the writer, Dr. George Cates, would be dead by his own hand before the missive reached its destination. A reporter was sent to the address given in the note and found Cates fumbling with an automatic pistol, the mechanism of which he didn't understand. The reporter persuaded him to give up the pistol and abandon his attempt at suicide.

Badger Succeeds Osterhaus.
Norfolk, Va.—Command of the great Atlantic fleet of the United States navy changed here when the blue flag of Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger was run upon the flagship, replacing the flag of Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, who has directed the fleet since June, 1911.



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She—I understand that Maud's marriage was a great shock to all her friends.
He—Yes; I heard she married an electrical engineer.

Balanced.
Representative Pujo was talking in Washington about the currency.
"It must balance," he said. "It must balance automatically and delicately. It must resemble the Christmas husband."

"Oh, John, dear," said this chap's wife, "I'm so sorry you've got all those heavy parcels to carry!"
"Well, you see," John panted, reassuringly, "my pocket is very much lighter now."

Wished to Break the Record.
"There's something uncanny about that lawyer."

"Why?"
"When his client was defeated he didn't make a motion for a new trial."

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Straggling Along.
"Is that a monthly rose?"
"It looks more like a weakly one to me."

Don't become so busy giving advice that you have no time to mind your own business.

Shopper's Cramp.
Simeon Ford, at a dinner of hotel men in New York, discussed a new disease.

"There's a new disease called shopper's cramp," he said. "It appears early in December, becomes violently epidemic about the middle of the month and ends suddenly on the evening of the 24th."

"Women feel shopper's cramp in the arms, the limbs, everywhere; but it attacks the husband only in one place—the pocket."

Their Clutch.
"Guns have an easy job, haven't they?"
"How do you mean?"
"They're employed only to be fired."

Its Class.
"That was a raw deal."
"What was?"
"The plot they cooked up."

I don't want a woman to weigh me in a balance; there are men enough for that sort of work.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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